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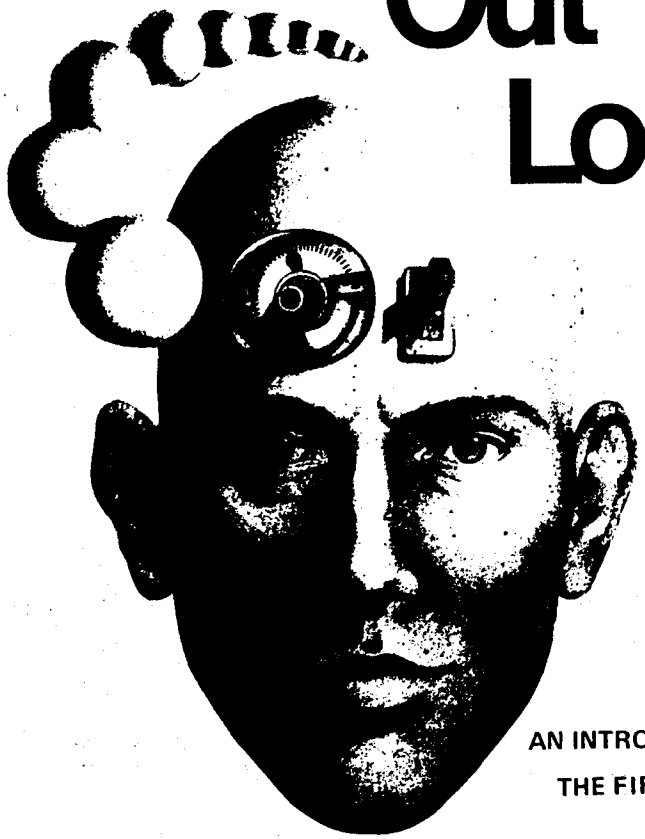

AN INTRODUCTION TO
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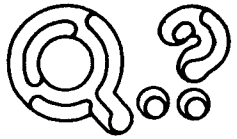
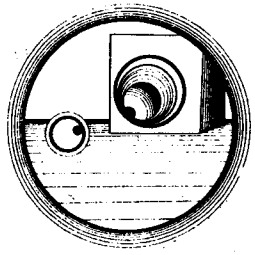




WHAT IS THE FIFTH ESTATE?

The Fifth Estate is a non-partisan, non-profit, alternative intelligence community serving the American public. The Fifth Estate spies on Big Brother.

WHY HAS THE FIFTH ESTATE BEEN FORMED?

The Fifth Estate has been formed in response to the continuing development of an Orwellian society in the United States and the world. Technofascism—the correct term for the Orwellian society—is rapidly replacing the rights Americans are supposed to have with all-seeing, all-knowing security systems. Such systems are being experimented with by all functions of government; including the military, the criminal justice system, and especially the intelligence community. The experimental development of technofascism includes such things as the White House Horrors, Watergate, military spying on civilians, CIA clandestine activities, FBI (and local police) infiltration, media management, social science engineering, censorship, attacks on privacy, government and corporate secrecy, hegemic control of advances in technology, and institutionalized racism and sexism. Today technofascism in all its interventionist and repressive forms is the greatest single threat to independence and freedom in the world.

HOW DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE OPPOSE TECHNOFASCISM?

The Fifth Estate is combating the growth of the Orwellian society through research, educational activities, expose, litigation and campaigns to marshall public opinion. Our opposition is presently built upon a strategy of resistance on four broad political fronts, each corresponding to the primary elements of technofascism. The Fifth Estate will be demanding an end to policies, operations, and practices of our government which support *clandestine intervention, domestic repression, excessive secrecy, and technological hegemony by the power elite.*

WHY DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE DEMAND AND WORK FOR AN END TO CLANDESTINE INTERVENTION AND DOMESTIC REPRESSION?

History shows that clandestine intervention (dirty tricks) by our government and corporations into the sovereign affairs of other countries has done little more than to create an image of us as "Ugly Americans." Generally speaking, our national security has not been improved by these operations.

Before the clandestine operations of the CIA and other agencies involve us in yet another catastrophe (like Bay of Pigs or the Indochina War) these operations must be exposed, restrained, terminated, and prevented from reoccuring in the future.

History also demonstrates that our government's foreign policies and practices often come home to become domestic policies and practices. Individuals long accustomed to clandestine operations overseas will carry on similar activities in the United States, *if political atmosphere allows them to do so.*

Overseas intervention and domestic repression are two sides of the same coin; two manifestations of the same problem—technofascism. The repressive activities of the intelligence community, military services, criminal justice systems and other governmental and corporate agencies must be fully exposed and terminated by the American people.

It is our hope that the Fifth Estate will serve as a lens focusing the American public effort to resist further development of technofascism.

WHY IS THE FIFTH ESTATE OPPOSED TO EXCESSIVE SECRECY?

An atmosphere of government openess and citizen access must be created in America if we are to maintain our status as free citizens in a democratic society. What little secrecy is necessary for the maintenance of society must be pragmatically decided upon by the entire public and not just an elite few.

Secrecy is the greatest single weapon available to the forces of technofascism. Fortunately, secrecy is a double-edged sword. Without it, technofascism can not endure, much less grow. We believe that it is the duty of all citizens to struggle against secrecy in government, corporations, and the way we live our lives.

WHY DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE SEEK AN END TO TECHNOLOGICAL HEGEMONY BY THE POWER ELITE?

There must be greater citizen access to advanced technology if that technology is to be used for the benefit of all humanity. Technology must not be used to rain destruction on smaller nations, and to fill dossiers on our friends, families, and neighbors. As long as advanced technology is controlled by an elite few, technofascism is being advanced and promoted.

HOW DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE OPERATE AS AN ALTERNATIVE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY?

The Fifth Estate is primarily responsible to the independence and freedom of American citizens and the rest of humanity. The American public is the prime consumer of information disseminated by the Fifth Estate and the prime sponsor for activities of the Fifth Estate. Information gathered by the Fifth Estate goes through a traditional intelligence cycle consisting of: collection, production, analysis, dissemination, and operations. The difference between the Fifth Estate and traditional intelligence organizations is that our responsibility lies with the American people, not the American power elite.

WHO IS THE FIFTH ESTATE GATHERING INFORMATION ON?

The Fifth Estate collects information on three primary targets—the military services, the intelligence community, and the criminal justice system. We are also interested in the corporate structures that support these functions of government.

The Fifth Estate collects information from both public and private sources. We do *not* engage in clandestine (illegal) collection of information. The information collected is available to researchers, journalists, scholars and other concerned citizens.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THE PRODUCTION PART OF THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE?

The production process of the Fifth Estate involves efficient management of information from collection to action as well as resource management. At all steps in our intelligence cycle, we heed the philosophy of the Fifth Estate, which is that we are responsible to the American people.

Every step in our cycle is subject to criticism and change by Fifth Estate advisors, sponsors, associates, and the American public at large.

HOW DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE'S ANALYSIS DIFFER FROM THAT OF AGENCIES SERVING THE POWER ELITE?

Our analysis is a collective product of the Fifth Estate. Compartmentalization of knowledge is eliminated through the development of a collective analysis. Our analysis is done from a political (rather than technical) perspective determined by the Fifth Estate's responsibilities to the American people.

HOW DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE DISSEMINATE INFORMATION?

Education is the major tactic of the Fifth Estate. Only through education will the American people develop the actions necessary to resist the growth of technofascism.

Our vehicles for dissemination include contacts with the mass media, publications of various organizations (the Fifth Estate is non-partisan), as well as our own publications. Currently we publish a quarterly journal, a syndicated column, and pamphlets on special subjects. Eventually the Fifth Estate may produce a mass publication.

WHAT KIND OF OPERATIONS DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE ENGAGE IN TO RESIST TECHNOFASCISM?

Actions taken by the Fifth Estate are determined by what the political reality is in the struggle against technofascism. Actions may involve expose, public education, litigation, and campaigns designed to focus public effort against technofascism. The Fifth Estate does not engage in lobbying for specific legislation, although we have and will supply information to legislators on request.

The Fifth Estate will do what ever is necessary to oppose the growth of technofascism. However, we will not engage in adventuristic clandestine activities.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE FIFTH ESTATE?

There are three levels of involvement with the Fifth Estate: advisors, sponsors, and campus and community action/research groups.

Advisors to the Fifth Estate are persons who are outspoken critics of governmental and corporate policies who are lending their expertise to the Fifth Estate. These advisors may differ on specific issues, but these differences only serve to broaden the perspective of the Fifth Estate.

Sponsors to the Fifth Estate are well known Americans who have lent their moral, political, and financial support to the Fifth Estate.

The core of the Fifth Estate are campus and community based action/research groups. Individual groups may use the name "Counter-Spy" or "Fifth Estate" as a symbol of the fact that they are part of an alternative intelligence community.

HOW WILL THE FIFTH ESTATE RELATE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?

Many of our advisors and associates are members of organizations engaged in resisting some aspects of technofascism. While we have no official connection with these organizations, co-operation does exist around specific issues. We will continue to relate to similarly oriented organizations as long as the relationship does not violate our basic philosophy of being responsible to the American people. Above all, the Fifth Estate is non-partisan and will not endorse any political stance that does not involve resistance to technofascism.

HOW IS THE FIFTH ESTATE ORGANIZED?

The Fifth Estate is a community of autonomous organizations serving local and national constituencies. Decision making within this network is done by concensus of all groups—the Fifth Estate is not a hierarchial organization. The Washington office (and, in the future, regional offices) serve as resource centers for local organizations.

IS THE FIFTH ESTATE A GOVERNMENT FRONT?

Although many former intelligence workers are involved with the Fifth Estate, we are in no way connected to the government. We encourage all citizens to investigate our activities. Our organizational histories, and other records are open for public inspection. Beyond that we merely ask that you listen to our words and watch our actions.

We invite your comments and criticisms of our efforts.

DOES THE FIFTH ESTATE EXIST IN OTHER COUNTRIES?

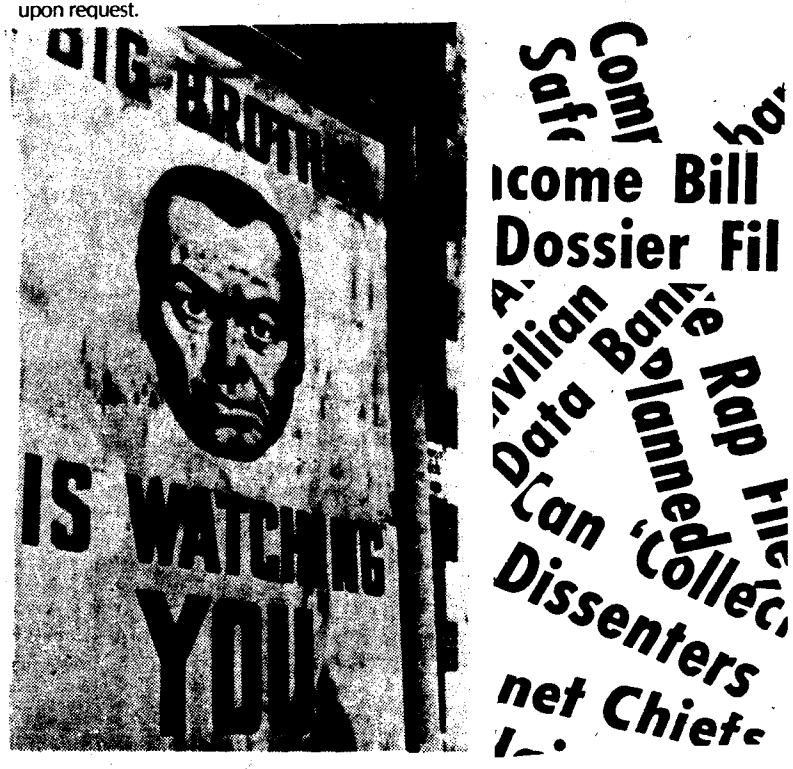
The American Fifth Estate encourages the citizens of other countries suffering from developing technofascism to organize resistance to this development. The Fifth Estate is not opposed to international affiliation which does not violate our philosophy or organizing principals. Technofascism is a global problem and eventually global answers to this problem will be found. Our primary responsibility, however, is to building resistance to technofascism within America.

ISN'T THE FIFTH ESTATE SERVING THE INTEREST OF GOVERNMENTS WHO ARE ENEMIES OF AMERICA?

It is important to remember that the reason for excessive secrecy by our government is not to prevent other governments from having information but to prevent the American public from having this information. Other governments know what our government and corporate structures are doing. The American public does not. The Fifth Estate is not an agency of any foreign power. Counter-Spy's are only agents of the American public.

HOW CAN I HELP FURTHER THE GOALS OF THE FIFTH ESTATE?

There are a variety of acts which can be performed by both groups and individuals interested in developing the Fifth Estate. Individuals, for example, can contribute financially, book Fifth Estate speakers before their school or civic groups, or work as individual researchers on a number of coordinated projects. Organizations may go beyond the support given by individuals by doing community education around technofascism, organizing local resistance to repressive conditions, and conducting independent investigations or public tribunals on any one of the aspects of the Orwellian Society. Members of the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate are willing to give interested individuals and organizations additional ideas and specifics upon request.



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